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INNOVATION DAY Mon • 02/10/2023 | **MAIN STAGE | DAY 1** Tue • 03/10/2023 | **MAIN STAGE | DAY 2** Wed • 04/10/2023

10:00 AM - 2:30 PM
WiT Bootcamp
Open to all attendees. Limited capacity. Please RSVP when registering for the Conference.
Venue
Cassia Junior Ballroom
Level 3, Marina Bay Sands Expo & Convention Centre
10 Bayfront Ave, Singapore 018956

Fast and intense, for startups, innovators, investors and anyone interested in the startup ecosystem. A great place to hear interesting stories, exchange lessons, trade secrets and build relationships and networks.

10:00 AM – 10:05 AM
Opening Warm-up

10:05 AM – 10:35 AM
Meet The Human Survivors
We gather the pioneers, the ones who blazed the trail back in the 2000s, and are still going with their original startup, and we find out their recipe for staying the course and constantly reinventing. Is it sheer stubborness or courage of their conviction or no way out? What are the human qualities that drive these pioneers and survivors?

Moderator:
Yesh Siew Hoon
Founder
WiT

Panel:
Stephan Ekbergh
CEO
Travelstart

Ross Veitch
CEO & Co-founder
Wego

10:35 AM – 10:40 AM
Adding Value to Startups
Candid, human confessions from the investors' side of the fence.
Speaker
Murli Ravi
Co-founder
Tin Men Capital

10:40 AM – 11:10 AM
Vertical Disruption
Every sector – be it tours and activities, flights, hospitality and corporate travel – is undergoing massive change, as we ev up to the third age of digital travel. How are investors and experts in those vertcals thinking about their respective sectors?
Moderator:
Pete Comeau
Managing Director
Phocuswright

Panel:
Miriam Moscovici
Vice President, Research & Partnerships
BCD Travel

Lisa Katsouraki
Senior Vice President, Corporate Development
Etravelli Group

Murli Ravi
Co-founder
Tin Men Capital

Nicholas Cocks
Managing Partner
Velocity Ventures

11:10 AM – 12:00PM
Korean Travel Startup Pitch, powered by Korea Tourism Organisation
In this curated session, five Korean travel startups will pitch for 5m each. Our judges will pick the winner who will go on to compete in the Grand Finals of the Global Startup Pitch, by WiT and Phocuswright, on October 4.
Presenters:
Jules Oh
Founder & CEO
AK Inc.

James Kim
CEO
BTimeD SG

Seong Bin Jo
Product Owner
NeoUsbind

Seungjae Jeong
CEO & Co-founder
Travel Makers Inc.

Conrad Cho
CEO, VISIT Inc./
COO, RoundPro Global

Facilitator
Arvindh Yuvaraj
Content Lead
WiT

Judges:
Miriam Moscovici
Vice President, Research & Partnerships, BCD Travel
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Lisa Katsouraki
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12:00 PM – 12:30 PM
Brunch Break

12:30 PM – 12:45PM
Techsembly: From gifts to hotel e-commerce to exit
Amy Read's bet to focus her startup on hospitality in 2021, in the midst of the pandemic, paid off when Techsembly, an e-commerce platform she built in 2019, was acquired by Sabre Hospitality this July. She shares her story of how she went from gifting to e-commerce, and how hospitality found her.

Interviewer
Yesh Siew Hoon
Founder
WiT

Speaker
Amy Read
VP Strategy, Sabre/
Co-founder, Techsembly

12:45 PM – 1:15 PM
The Tech That Binds, The Startups That Thrive
We put the spotlight on selected startups that have managed to come out of the pandemic, stronger in their own way. What new tech and products did they build to strengthen their hold in their respective spaces, how are they thinking of the future, and what are some of the new startups that are emerging from markets around the region?

Moderator:
Rod Cuthbert
Founder & former CEO, Viator / former CEO, Rome2rio /
Non-executive Director, Veltra Corp & Jayride / Board Member, Tourism Tasmania

Panel:
Vikram Malhi
CEO & Co-founder
ZUZU Hospitality Solutions

Winnie Tan
CEO & Founder
Trip2life.com

Daniel Cheng
Founder & President
BTM Association (Redefine Tourism Mixer), Taiwan

Benny Lee
Founder & CEO
STAYFOLIO

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM
Human Circles of Collaboration
We break up into groups with each circle to be led by two hosts/mentors. Pick the group you want to join and discuss topics of interest to you. Your chance to get up close and personal with these travel leaders

Rod Cuthbert
Founder & former CEO, Viator / former CEO, Rome2rio /
Non-executive Director, Veltra Corp & Jayride / Board Member, Tourism Tasmania

Chan Chee Chong
CEO & Co-founder
GlobalTix

Miriam Moscovici
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Lisa Katsouraki
Senior Vice President, Corporate Development
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Mary Li
CEO & Founder
Atlas

Timothy O'Neil-Dunne
Principal
T2Impact

Ross Veitch
CEO & Co-founder
Wego

Paulina Klotzbuecher
CEO & Co-founder
Glyde Payments

Timothy Hughes
Vice President, Corporate Development
Agoda

Louise Daley
Investor & Advisor

Baidi Li
Senior Vice President, Commercial, Asia Pacific
Go City

James Lemon
Global Lead — Travel, Transport, Leisure & Automotive
Stripe

Bobby Healy
Founder, Marine Drone Delivery/
Co-founder, Melli Travel Technology

Kai Shibata
Co-founder & CEO
Venture Republic – TRAVEL.jp & Trip101

2:30 PM
It's A Wrap

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
WiT By Night on Sentosa

4:00 PM – 6:30 PM
The Bridge Series – The Global Travel Tech Thinktank by WiT, Phocuswright & Phocuswire
Powered by Amadeus | Hosted by Accor
By invite only
Venue
Saffron Ballroom, Sofitel Resort & Spa, Sentosa
2 Bukit Manis Rd, Sentosa, Singapore 099891
Theme: Possibilities and Responsibilities of Travel in The Age of Generative AI
A closed door, by-invite-only session aimed at harnessing the collective human experience and knowledge of the who's who in travel tech on how we should navigate travel in this accelerated age of AI and technology.
Co-facilitators:
Yesh Siew Hoon
Founder
WiT

Garrell Chan
APAC General Counsel
Airbnb

Amadeus Spokesperson:
Subramanian (Mani) Ganeshan
Senior Vice President – Travel Distribution Engineering & Centre Head
Amadeus

Provocateurs:
Timothy Hughes
Vice President, Corporate Development
Agoda

Ross Veitch
CEO & Co-founder
Wego

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Dine under the stars hosted by Sentosa Development Corporation
Open to all attendees
Venue
Southside Sentosa
80 Siloso Road, #01-01, Singapore 098969
Incorporating A Cinewav Experience (Bring along your own headphones, please) and access to the Trick3d Museum
Dress code
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